

## REMARKS

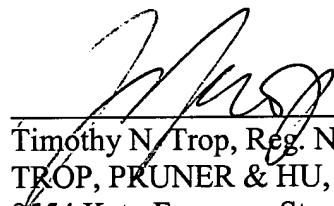
The claims have been amended to enable the determination of whether two pieces of data are consistent. For example, a check can determine whether a postal code or an area code are consistent with a city, state, and country. See the specification at page 6, lines 3-14 and page 3, lines 8-17.

This enables the determination of an error in relatively simple systems which need not have the ability to access the Internet or complicated databases of extensive postal information, as is the case of the QAS system. More explicitly, the QAS system does not do such integrity checks where two pieces of data are compared using the algorithms set forth.

Therefore, the claims as amended patentably distinguish over the cited reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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